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FOR AUTOTRANSFUSION**
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TRANSMITTAL**S I R:**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is an Amendment in response to the March 18, 2003 Office Action.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please use Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of March 18, 2003, kindly amend the
above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11 to 13, 16 to 17, 19, 21 to 23 and 25 without
prejudice as follows:

11. (Amended) A device for processing cell suspensions for autotransfusion
comprising at least one separation unit for separating cells by centrifugation, the
separation unit comprising a suspension inlet line and a concentrated cell outlet line
and a waste line each located downstream of the suspension inlet line, the
concentrated cell outlet line being connected to a diluting device, the dilution device
being in fluid connection with the concentrated cell outlet line via a solution line for
delivering physiologic solution, wherein cells contained in a suspension entering the
separation unit through the inlet line are concentrated in the separation unit,
removed through the concentrated cell outlet line, and diluted via the diluting device
with a physiologic solution.